

This Old Carriage House

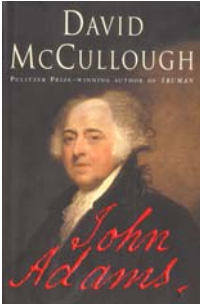
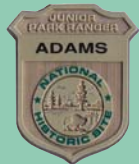
Designed by the Boston architectural firm of Cummings and Sears, and constructed in 1873, the handsome gothic revival Adams carriage house provided stables, a carriage room, hay loft and servants quarters during the years Charles Francis Adams and later his son Brooks Adams lived at “Peace field.” After the National Park Service assumed care of the property, the carriage house’s living quaters were transformed into office space to suit the growing administrative needs of the Park and its staff.



Following recommendations in the Adams National Historical Park’s General Management Plan to reserve the Adams carriage house for visitor use and collections care, last year the Park’s headquarters were moved to the Beale Estate and the National Park Service began an exciting reconstruction project that will preserve this unique victorian structure and make it an important destination for visitors. The project will create new exhibits on the history of the property, an Eastern National bookstore, and public restrooms. At the same time it will allow visitors a closer look at the unique architecture, outstanding craftsmanship, and ingenious technology of the Adams family’s carriage house. We look forward to seeing you when this Old Carriage House reopens in Spring 2003!

Children’s Corner

See if you have what it takes to help America preserve and understand the importance of its treasures. Pick up a Junior Ranger activity booklet at Adams National Historical Park Visitor Center and complete it while on tour or at home. Bring your completed booklet to the Visitor Center to receive your Badge and certificate commissioning you as a Junior Park Ranger.



McCullough Wins Pulitzer for John Adams

Historian David McCullough has won his second Pulitzer Prize, for “John Adams,” having won his first Pulitzer in 1993 for his best-selling biography of President Harry S. Truman.

“I felt particularly drawn to the story of John Adams and Abigail Adams,” he said. “In many ways, this award is a tribute to them and their world. It is also a recognition of

what they did on behalf of all of us.” With 1.5 million copies sold and almost a year on national best seller lists, McCullough's book is credited with reviving Adams' historical standing. The success of his book also helped ensure the passage of last year’s congressional bill to create an Adams family memorial in Washington, D.C.

McCullough said he wanted his book to show why Adams is America's most overlooked and underappreciated president and founding father, the man most responsible for passage of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, a skilled diplomat, and a principled chief executive. (Printed with permission of *The Patriot Ledger*.)

- ✿ Begin at Visitor Center with a site orientation. (10 minutes)
- ✿ Ride trolley to Adams Birthplaces. (10 minutes)
- ✿ Tour the Birthplaces. (30 Minutes)
- ✿ Ride trolley to Peace field. (10 minutes)
- ✿ Tour Peace field. (50 Minutes)
- ✿ Ride trolley to Visitor Center. (10 Minutes)
- ✿ Visit United First Parish Church & Adams Crypt. (20 minutes)

Information

Total estimated time for a visit is 2.5 hours. Each site in the Park can be visited separately or in combination with others. Tours are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and generally the earlier you arrive, the less your likely wait before the next available tour.

How You Can Help

While on tour please stay with your assigned group, refrain from the use of mobile phones, and keep in mind **the following are prohibited inside the historic houses:**

- Video or flash photography
- Backpacks, large bags, and strollers
- Touching furniture and artifacts
- Eating, drinking, smoking



Visitor Center Exhibits

An Enduring Vision

This exhibit places the Park story of the Adams family’s legacy of public service within a timeline. Using interpretive text, photographs and three-dimensional objects, the exhibit traces the Adams family’s connection to the history of the nation they served.

Test Your Adams Family Knowledge

Put on your thinking caps and try to answer 16 questions that test your knowledge of the Adams family, and their achievements.

Old Trunks Provide New Opportunities for Visitors

Please make a point to locate the antique trunks in the Visitor Center, which are packed with out-of-print books on the Adams family. Browse, purchase, and of course take some home with you to add to your own family fortune of knowledge!



Adams National Historical Park, established in 1946, includes three historic homes, the John Adams Birthplace, the John Quincy Adams Birthplace, “Peace field,” and the Park Visitor Center. One can trace the history of the Adams family from the birth of two presidents, their years in public service, retirement, and spiritual lives. The story of the Adams family does not end with two presidents, but includes a legacy of writers, historians and social and political commentators, who remained active in the development and improvement of the United States. Trolley service links the various sites in the Park, all located within a one mile radius of Quincy Center. The Visitor Center is the hub of the park. Here you can receive a site orientation, and obtain information about programs and tour schedules, explore exhibits, visit the

Visitor Center bookstore and present a National Park Service Passport or purchase the \$3.00 pass which will provide access to all three houses. General information on area lodging and dining is also available at the Visitor Center. Free parking is available in the parking garage directly behind the Visitor Center and validation is provided at the Visitor Center. The Adams National Historical Park is open April 19th through November 10th, seven days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Birthplaces Tour

The John Adams and John Quincy Adams birthplaces at 133 and 141 Franklin Street, provided shelter and protection for the families of America’s first father and son presidents when they were establishing and building their careers in the service of the United States. These two structures, only 75 feet apart, are the oldest presidential birthplaces in the United States. The 30-minute tour provides you with the opportunity to step back in time to the 18th century and learn about the lifestyles and early experiences of the two presidents as well as the strength and wisdom of patriot, mother and writer, Abigail Adams.

Peace field Tour

Through four generations, from 1787 to 1927, the residence which John Adams named “Peace field” in honor of the Treaty of Paris which brought an end to the Revolutionary War, was home to one of America’s most distinguished families. The second United States President John Adams and First Lady Abigail, the sixth United States President John Quincy Adams and First Lady Louisa Catherine, Civil War Minister to Great Britain, Charles Francis Adams, and two literary historians, Henry and Brooks Adams all lived here while they actively served their country. The Adamses’ legacy of service to their nation is reflected as much by the over 100,000 artifacts inside what Charles Francis Adams and subsequent generations called the “Old House” as by its historic landscape. A tour of the house lasts 50 minutes. While visiting the site you may walk through a garden, where thousands of annuals and perennials are maintained in the tradition of the third and fourth generation of the Adams family.

Trolley Service

Trolley Service links the Visitor Center with the Birthplaces, Peace field and the United First Parish Church and Adams Crypt. The first trolley of the day departs the Visitor Center at 9:15 a.m., and provides continuous service throughout the day. The last full-park tour departs the Visitor Center at 3:15 p.m.

Park Events

MAY

May 12 - Sunday

Mother's Day Celebration

Mothers enjoy spring flowers in bloom and free admission to Adams National Historical Park. Yes, Fathers will have their free day on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th.

JUNE

June 15 - Saturday

Flag Day Parade

Join the Quincy Partnership, City of Quincy, and Adams National Historical Park to celebrate Flag Day with a parade, festivities and fireworks. Along Hancock Street from United First Parish Church to Merrymount Park, Quincy, 6:30 p.m.

June 23 - Sunday

Live! with John & Abigail Adams

Join Bill and Sue Wills of *Presidents and Their First Ladies*, dramatically speaking as they bring the legacy of the Second U.S. President and his "Dearest Friend" to life. At Carriage House, 135 Adams Street, Quincy, 2:00 p.m. Call (617) 770-1175 for information and reservations.

JULY

July 3 - Wednesday

Liberty or Loyalty: Take a Stand!

Adams National Historical Park, and the Bostonian Society will collaborate to present an interactive program highlighting the significance of the passage of the resolution for independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 2, 1776. At Old State House, Corner of Washington and State Street, Boston; Two Sessions: 1) 11:00 a.m. 2) 2:00 p.m.

July 4 - Thursday

Fourth of July: Independence Forever!

Today, the public gets to play a part in one of our nation's greatest dramas, the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Members of the audience will assume the roles of delegates to the Continental Congress. A candlelight parade following the evening performance will end at the United First Parish Church where the Declaration of Independence will be read. At Carriage House, 135 Adams Street, Quincy; Three Sessions: 1) 11:00 a.m. 2) 2:00 p.m. 3) 7:00 p.m. Call (617) 770-1175 for reservations.



July 11 - Thursday

Birthday of John Quincy Adams

A wreath from President George W. Bush is placed at the crypt of sixth President of the United States, John Quincy Adams on his birthday to honor his life and public service. The Mendi Bible, given to John Quincy Adams by the Amistad captives in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf, will be on exhibit in the Stone Library. Ceremony: At United First Parish Church, 1306 Hancock Street at 12:00 p.m. - Mendi Bible Exhibit: At Stone Library, Adams National Historical Park, 135 Adams Street, Quincy

AUGUST

August 11 - Sunday

Civil War Days: A House Divided

Adams National Historical Park will highlight the contributions of citizens and soldiers during the American Civil War. Enjoy martial music, historical characters, Civil War re-enactors, period games, and old-fashioned refreshments. At Peace field, 135 Adams Street, Quincy from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



August 25 - Sunday

Founder's Day

In celebration of the founding of the National Park Service, Adams National Historical Park waives the entrance fee. Park admission free today.

SEPTEMBER

September 15 - Sunday

Constitution Day Celebration

The public is invited to play a part in one of our nation's greatest dramas, the passage of the United States Constitution by the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787. Members of the audience assume the roles of delegates to the Convention and represent their state in a debate that will determine the fate of a nation! After the debate each delegate signs the document, rings the Liberty Bell, receives a copy of the United States Constitution, and the Massachusetts Constitution to keep as a memento to their great efforts in the service of their nation. At Carriage House, 135 Adams Street, Quincy, at 1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

October 13 - Sunday

Colonial Day

The public is invited to picture themselves in the year 1775 as Patriot refugees fleeing British-occupied Boston to seek asylum at the farm of Abigail Adams. Visitors will meet colonial characters, investigate colonial lifestyles, gather provisions, and practice military maneuvers with the Captain of the local militia, who "pays" them for their service. At Birthplaces, 133 & 141 Franklin Street, Quincy, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

October 25 - Friday

Spirits Of Quincy's Past

Within the iron gates of the Hancock Cemetery, Park Rangers and volunteers portraying figures from Quincy's past, take visitors on a candlelight tour of one of New England's oldest burying grounds. At the Hancock Cemetery adjacent to Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, (Refreshments at Adams National Historical Park Visitor Center, 1250 Hancock Street) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



October 28-30 - Monday-Wednesday

John Adams Birthday Celebration: Independence Forever!

A three-day series of lectures by renowned authors, and dramatic performances by acclaimed historic interpreters will honor the life and public service of John Adams. Events include a ceremony during which a wreath sent from President George W. Bush will be placed on the crypt of President John Adams. Times, location and admission fee to be announced.

NOVEMBER

November 10 - Sunday

Adams Historic Houses Close

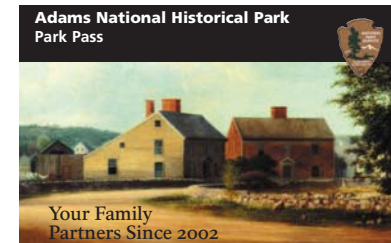
Last opportunity to visit the historic houses before they close for the season until April 2003.

DECEMBER

December 31 - Tuesday

First Night Quincy

Join the festivities as Adams National Historical Park marks the arrival of the year 2003. Entertainment will include music, storytelling and games. At Visitor Center, 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Get a seasons worth of opportunities for an entire family for just \$10! Buy an Adams National Historical Park Family Pass which permits the bearer and their immediate family the opportunity to visit the Park as much as they would like for one year from the date of purchase.

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